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25th Annual North Dakota Family-Based Services Conference to be Held in Fargo April 3-5

Bismarck, N.D. – The N.D. Family-Based Services Association will sponsor its 25th annual children and family conference April 3-5, 2013, at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. The conference will feature child and adolescent experts sharing information about strengthening and meeting the needs of at-risk children and families. The event is sponsored by the N.D. Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division.

The conference will feature two keynote presentations. On April 3, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Dr. Lisa Boesky will discuss strategies for working with high-risk youth. Deb DeWitz, a social worker and family therapist, will headline the second day of the conference starting at 8 a.m. with a presentation on the importance of work-life balance.

Other conference workshops include stress management and personal goal setting, family group and team decision making regarding the safety, care, and protection of children, effects of trauma on a developing child, and generational diversity in the workforce.

A pre-conference workshop on April 2 will focus on engaging fathers in child welfare cases involving their children.

The conference is open to mental health counselors and clinicians, licensed addiction counselors, social workers, child welfare professionals, providers, juvenile justice personnel, and others. Professionals who work with children and families are encouraged to attend.

Registration will be accepted at the door. Single day registration is also available. For more details including a schedule of events, go online to www.ndfbsa.org.

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